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In re U.S. Patent Application of

ICHIMURA et al.

Application Number: 10/700,519

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For: MR (MAGNETORESISTANCE) DEVICE AND
MAGNETIC RECORDING DEVICE

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COVER LETTER

Sir:

[x] The fee for submission of claims is calculated as shown below:

| FOR | TOTAL WITH NEW CLAIMS ADDED | TOTAL CURRENTLY ON FILE | CLAIMS ALREADY PAID | RATE | CALCULATION |
|---------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|-------------------------------|------------------------|---------|-------------|
| Total Claims | 14 | 14 | (Over 20) | x \$50 | 0 |
| Independent Claims | 9 | 9 | 6 (Over 3) | x \$200 | 0 |
| MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIM(S) | | | | + \$360 | 0 |
| REDUCTION FOR FILING BY SMALL ENTITY (note 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.9, 1.27, 1.28). | | | | x ½ | |
| | | | TOTAL | | 0 |

In addition, the below-identified communications are submitted in the above-captioned application or proceeding:

- [x] Response to Office Action
(with Claim Election)
[] Substitute Specification
[] Preliminary Amendment
[] Information Disclosure Statement

- [] Petition for Extension of Time (month)
[] Terminal Disclaimer
[] Letter to Draftsperson
[] Assignment
[] Other _____

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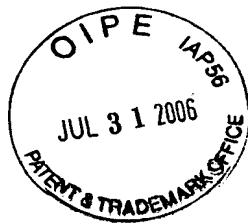
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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action mailed on July 5, 2006, the period of response to which is set to expire on August 5, 2006. Applicant hereby elects the continuing prosecution of Species I as shown in Figure 2, and as recited in claims 1, 4, 5 and 8-14 without traverse.